THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the available information, the combined approximate loss suffered by various State Electricity Boards, after taking into account Rural Electrification subsidy, during the last three years is as follows:—

(Year ended March)	(Rs. in crores)
1988 . . .	275.29
1989 . . .	343.07
1990 . . .	623.94

(c) The main reasons for Boards' losses include low agricultural tariff and losses accruing from rural electrification, low PLF, high T&D losses, pilferage of power, arrears in revenue, heavy interest burden on loans etc.

The State Governments have been urged from time to time to manage the operations of the Electricity Boards in such a manner as would yield the statutory minimum surplus of 3 percent. They have also been advised to take measures including equity participation, provision of grants to meet the losses due to supply of power to the agricultural sector, timely revision of tariff, improving the performance of generating stations, reducing T&D losses, fixation of a minimum agricultural power tariff of 50 paise/kwh etc.

It is also proposed to set up five Regional Power Tariff Boards which will make recommendations to the State Governments regarding fixation of rationalised tariffs.

Inadequate power supply to Goa

1847. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry are aware that a large number of industrial and tourism projects in Goa has been hampered critically due to poor power situation;

(b) whether a request to set up gas based power station in Goa is pending with the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what steps Government contemplate to supply adequate power to Goa for its industrial and tourism projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The power requirement of Goa which was 374 million units during the period April to October, 1991, has been fully met. At present, there is no notified power cut in the State. No proposal for setting up a gas based power station in Goa is pending with the Government.

White wash of DESU buildings

1848. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the official and the residential buildings owned by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking have not been white washed for many years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of such buildings which have not been white washed for last more than two years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure the timely white-wash of such buildings so that their life-span is not shortened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY